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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 3989

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNGA

SUBJ: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR LEONARD AND NATHANIEL HOWELL

1. CALLED ON FONMIN BOUTROS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY MORNING JULY 17 AND TOLD HIM OF PROPOSED LEONARD VISIT. HE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE LEONARD AND THOUGHT VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL. THERE WAS PROBLEM OF TIMING, HOWEVER, THAT HE WANTED TO TALK TO PRESIDENT SARKIS ABOUT. LEBANESE HAD INVITED KHADDAM TO COME TO BEIRUT AND WERE EXPECTING HIM JULY 20. IF LEONARD CAME OVER JUST BEFORE OR JUST AFTER THIS VISIT IT WOULD CREATE IMPRESSION VISIT WAS DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH BEIRUT CRISIS, AND THIS COULD COMPLICATE SITUATION. BOUTROS SAID PROBLEM WAS COMPLICATED BY FACT HE HAD HEARD FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT AT UN LEONARD HAD SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY REPLACING SYRIANS WITH UN TROOPS. THIS WAS ANATHEMA TO SYRIANS AND IF WE WERE SERIOUSLY PROPOSING SUCH AN IDEA HE WONDERED WHAT SORT OF RECEPTION LEONARD WOULD GET IN DAMASCUS.

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2. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD AT MEETING OF WESTERN FIVE LEONARD HAD MENTIONED IN PASSING AS AN UNLIKELY POSSIBILITY THAT CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO EMPLOYMENT OF SMALL NUMBER OF UN TROOPS IN BEIRUT TO SEPARATE COMBATANTS, BUT WE CERTAINLY WERE NOT PUSHING ANY SUCH PROPOSAL.

3. BOUTROS IS TO LET ME KNOW TOMORROW MORNING (JULY 18)  
WHAT LEBANESE DECISION IS, BUT IN ANY EVENT IT IS CLEAR  
LEONARD WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SEE ANYBODY HERE ON THE 20TH.  
BOUTROS INCIDENTALLY FEELS THAT IF LEONARD COMES HE SHOULD  
PAY NORMAL CALL ON BOUTROS AND ON SARKIS AND WE SHOULD NOT  
TRY TO KEEP IT QUIET. FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING PURPOSES  
SUGGEST WE THINK IN TERMS OF LEONARD AND HOWELL COMING OVER FOR  
CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY ON 20TH AND CALLS ON BOUTROS AND  
SARKIS MORNING OF 21ST, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT WHICH I WOULD  
HAVE TUENI AS WELL AS BOUTROS. LEONARD AND HOWELL THEN PRO-  
CEED TO AMMAN BY MEA AT 2000 HOURS OR ROYAL JORDANIAN AT 2040  
EVENING OF 21ST. REALIZE THIS WOULD PUT THEM IN AMMAN TWO  
DAYS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND SUGGEST THEY EITHER USE IT FOR  
REST AND CONSULTATION THERE OR, IF THEY PREFER TO STAY AT  
RESIDENCE HERE THEY WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. DO NOT REPEAT NOT  
BELIEVE THEY SHOULD TRY TRIP TO SOUTH LEBANON AND MOVEMENTS  
HERE WOULD BE SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED. THEY MAY THEREFORE PREFER  
THE EXTRA TIME IN SCENIC JORDAN. PARKER

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